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### Transmittal of Corrected Section VI of appeal Brief

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In accordance with a Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated Sept. 8, 2008, Applicant submits herewith a corrected page containing the corrected section VI of his Appeal Brief filed on Aug. 25, 2008

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6) Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

- A. Whether the rejection of claims 12 and 14-17 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by P/N 4,779,180 to Ruiz was proper.
- B. Whether the rejection of claim18 under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over P/N 3,049,323 to Peterka in view of P/N 5,438,868 to Holden et al. was proper.

#### .7) Argument

For simplicity of relating the summary Status of the Claims in §3 and the Statement of Issues in §6 with the related argument in this §8, the same letters used in §§3 and 6 will identify the argument sections.

# A. The rejection of claims 12 and 14-17 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by P/N 4,779,180 to Ruiz was improper.

Claim 12 calls for a method of releasably securing an article 8 to a supporting surface against vertical or lateral movement with respect to the supporting surface. The article to be captured is inserted into a space between four mounts that are attached at a bottom surface thereof to the supporting surface (page 5, lines 8-11, with four corners of the article 8 captured between inwardly diverging surfaces of an angled recess 7 in an upstanding base 1 of each mount to prevent lateral movement of the article relative 8 to the supporting surface. The inwardly diverging surfaces of the angled recesses each diverge about a central axis of the base extending between the bottom surface and a top cap 2 atop each of the bases to embrace upright corners of the article.

The top cap 2 is securely held in place releasably by a detent 4, 5, 5A (page 3, line 22) until the resisting force of a detent tending to hold the top cap 2 closed is, overcoming, and the top cap 2 is rotated to allow the object to be lifted vertically away from the supporting surface (page 4, lines 6-22).

Ruiz discloses a device for holding a circular glass cover 4 on a light fitting. It has three columns 2, arranged equidistant from each other around the periphery of a flat circular fitting plate 1 which is attached to a wall. Each column is attached to the fitting plate 1 by screws, shown in Fig. 2. Two of the columns have a sidewardly opening slot 3 facing radially inwardly for receiving the edge of the glass cover 4. The third column 2, shown in Figs. 3 and 4, has a head plate 5 that can be turned to open